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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Jack Dirks of St. Charles as Senior Service Award Winner**

*Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 34 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Jack Dirks of St. Charles.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Patty was nominated by Charlotte Little of the Garden View Care Center in O’Fallon.

Dirks’ volunteerism flowed from his daily visits to his wife, who lives at Garden View Care Center. When visiting, he took it upon himself to care for the center’s fishpond, which is filled with Koi goldfish. He daily makes sure the filters are cleaned, the fish are fed and debris is cleaned out of the pond and picked up on the grounds. He also helps patients with various activities at the center.

“His presence, quiet demeanor and corny jokes bring a smile to the residents and also to the staff, who consider Jack to be a close, personal family member,” said Little in her nomination. “On the rare days he is not here, everyone asks, ‘Where’s Jack?’”

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Dirks with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the House Lounge at the Capitol on May 8.

“Jack Dirks sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve the residents at Garden View Care Center,” Kinder said. “His selfless service is an inspiration to all who know him.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senate Districts. Dirks won in District 2.